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**In re Application of:
Chesser, et al.**

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For: Controlled Hydration of Starch §
in High Density Brine Dispersion §

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**Group Art Unit: 1774**

**Examiner: C. H. Kelly**

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### Amendment

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This paper is filed in response to the office action mailed October 6, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.